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June 16, 2011

Mary Nichols, Chair  
California Air Resources Board  
1001 I Street  
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Sacramento, CA 95812

RE: Ventura County Air Pollution Control Board support for  
Proposed Amendments to Regulations for Ocean-going Ship  
Main Engines, Auxiliary Engines, and Auxiliary Boilers  
(Agenda Item: 11-4-5)

Dear Ms. Nichols:

The Ventura County Air Pollution Control Board is pleased to support the California Air Resources Board (CARB) staff's Proposed Amendments to Regulations for Ocean-going Ship Main Engines, Auxiliary Engines, and Auxiliary Boilers.

Ventura County is designated nonattainment for the state and federal ozone standards and nonattainment for the state particulate matter standard. These proposed amendments will achieve the emission reductions envisioned when the regulations were first adopted in 2008. The 83 percent reduction in toxic diesel particulate matter from these vessels will provide a significant public health benefit to Ventura County residents. Further, reductions in sulfur oxides and nitrogen oxides will also be achieved.

In addition, the proposed amendments will remove the economic advantage of having vessels transiting through the U.S. Navy's Point Mugu Sea Range. This will prevent disruption of the Navy's operations. Further, this will enhance the mission of Naval Base Ventura County.

We appreciate CARB's staff willingness to listen to the concerns of the U.S. Navy and representatives of the Regional Defense Partnership for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. CARB

staff should be commended for developing these amendments, which will improve air quality and enhance national security.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this letter of support. If you have any questions regarding these comments, please contact our Air Pollution Control Officer, Michael Villegas, at 805/645-1440.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brian Brennan", with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Brian Brennan  
Chair, Ventura County Air Pollution Control District

cc: Board members, California Air Resources Board  
James Goldstene, California Air Resources Board